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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Stefan Wintermantel
Serial No: 09/806,085
Filing Date: March 22, 2001
Title: CONNECTION ELEMENT FOR ATTACHMENT OF REMOVABLE DENTURES AT TOOTH CROWNS OR TOOTH IMPLANTS
Examiner: John J. Wilson
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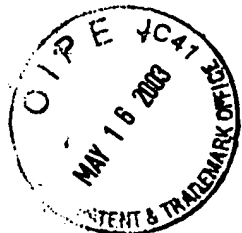
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

**Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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SIR:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on December 13, 2002 and setting a shortened statutory period for response of three months to expire on March 13, 2003. Applicant petitions that, if required, the time for response be extended and the corresponding fee be charged. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Acct. No. 11-0224. Applicant further respectfully requests that this response be accepted as a bona fide effort to meet any potential response requirements outstanding and due in the above captioned matter.